



TSB Family Readiness Review

One Team, One Mission

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230th Army Birthday Ball



Saturday June the 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Ballroom at the NCO Club. Contact SGT Terry at 751- 3633 or your unit representative for more

information.

Family Readiness Group

The FRG is provides family and relevant information to spouses and provides a chain of concern network to all family members. This ensures that spouses are more aware of events occurring within the TSB and SSI. Also, spouses can act independent of the military chain of command to help and inform each other.

What can the FRG do for you? Informal network, spouses get together, etc. Let us know.

Please remember to update your phone number, address, and e-mail with the TSB FRG Leaders. This will allow the FRG to communicate

Independent of the TSB chain of

command. E-mail updates to

COMMAND TEAM CORNER

LTC Brents & CSM Lofton

▪ **The Army Emergency Relief campaign closed on May 15th and was once again a successful campaign for the Soldier Support Institute. AER reaches thousands of Soldiers and families who need help. We would like to personally thank you for your hard work and for taking care of the Soldiers and families who are the benefactors of your generosity.**

▪ **We are thankful to announce everyone's safe return from the Memorial Day weekend. This weekend signaled the start of the "101 Days of Summer" which runs through Labor Day. It is this time that marks an increase in outdoor activities such as swimming, boating, and motorcycle use. Statistics predict a 300% greater potential for accidents when on a motorcycle. Know the rules and be particularly mindful of safety when operating a motorcycle. Please be safe when participating in summer activities.**

▪ **Also, let's never forget our comrades deployed in harms way fighting the global**

war on terrorism; keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Again, thanks to all that you do!

Congratulations to COL Brown, CPT Grey and SSG Ramos on their promotions. Congratulations to SGM Blackmon on receiving her Masters Degree. Congratulations to SFC Capo for graduating with honors from DSS. Congratulations to SSG Lee on her re-enlistment.

FRG Chain of Concern:

NCOA --- SFC Etris (3294) RRS --- Kelli Pierce
FIS --- Jackie Gudehus AGS --- Vacant
TDD --- Vacant TSB --- Schaine Brents

Welcome To The Review

This newsletter is established to provide information for Soldiers, DA civilians and family members from the multitude of units that make up the Training Support Battalion. Please take time to review this issue. Any comments or recommendations can be sent to CPT Kevin Pierce at 751-8755 or kevin.pierce@jackson.army.mil

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DEPLOYMENT CORNER

With so many military families scrambling to ship holiday care packages to their loved ones deployed around the world, the U.S. Postal Service is stepping in to make things a bit easier.

The U.S. Postal Service is offering a package of free packing materials, including 10 boxes, 10 customs forms with envelopes, 10 "Mili-Pac" shipping envelopes, which are specially printed to reflect the complexities of military mailing addresses, and a roll of Priority Mail tape. By calling a toll-free number, anyone can request free shipping materials.

To order the special kit, call (800) 610-8734 and request Care Kit 4. The Postal Service will ship it by Priority Mail, with delivery generally within a couple of days. Although the packing materials are free, shippers must still pay normal postage costs.

You might also consider ordering the "Flat Rate" boxes the USPS offers. The postage for the Flat Rate boxes is \$8.10 no matter how much the box weighs. The Flat Rate postage is cheaper for packages over 3 pounds if you can fit the contents into the box (3 pounds 0 ounces is \$7.20 for

Priority Mail - 3 pounds 1 ounce is \$8.50).

They offer two sizes of Flat Rate boxes - 12"x3.5"x14" (Item No: O-FRB2) and 11" X 8.5" X 16" (Item No: O-FRB1). All Federal Employees are able to get a discount on their personal cell phones by calling their carrier and asking for the "Federal Telecommunications Act 1996 Discount to Federal Employees Past and Present" discount.

Cingular (800) 319-6393
T-Mobile (866) 646-4688
Sprint (888) 788-4727
Nextel (800) 639-6111
Verizon (800) 865-1825

The military member must be listed on the bill. Each company has their own way to verify a Federal Employee.

AAFES UPDATE

SGM Neifert (FIS) is the SSI Commissary/AAFES representative and attends the Post quarterly meeting. Please contact SGM Neifert, at judith.neifert@us.army.mil or 751-8064, with feedback that she can address at the meeting.

NEW ARRIVALS

NCOA

SFC Holliday
SGT Wright



Welcome to all who have arrived since our last newsletter

TSB

SPC Hanson



Voting



Let us all take advantage of our opportunity to vote in this country. Even though the general election is over, you can (and should) register to vote. Local elections occur every 65 years. Register to vote!

65 Year Voting Officer:
CPT Mike Greene 751-8188

BEAT THE HEAT



Palmetto Falls is now open

Hours of operation:

Tue-Sat 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sun 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

FREE DELIVERY

If you would like the **Readiness Review** delivered to your personal home e-mail address, please call CPT Kevin Pierce at 751-8755 or e-mail him at kevin.pierce@jackson.army.mil and provide your address.

TSB FRG LEADERS:

FRG Leaders are listed below. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Kelli Pierce at kkpierce2@hotmail.com

Leader: Kelli Pierce
Assistant Leader: Accepting nominations
Funds Custodian: CPT Joe Chretien

Secretary: SSG Andrea Joyner
Military Liaison: CPT Tina Yarbough

Public Affairs: CPT Kevin Pierce
FRG Advisor: Schaefer Bents

When's the next FRG Meeting?!

The next FRG meeting is **Tuesday, June 6th** at 6 p.m. in the Battalion Classroom. Everyone is welcome to come, socialize, and participate. Refreshments are provided gratis to attendees. This will be the last meeting until we re-convene in September.